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Letter dated 28 May 2002 from the Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to bring to your attention a statement issued on 22 May 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the latest tensions between India and Pakistan (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a Security Council document.

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Declaration issued on 22 May 2002 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union on the latest tensions between India and Pakistan

The Presidency, on behalf of the European Union (EU), expresses its deep concern over the deterioration of Indo-Pakistani relations during the past days. Recent terrorist attacks in Jammu-Kashmir and the military incidents that have taken place over the last 48 hours at the border could pose a serious threat, not only for the Indian and Pakistani people but also for stability in the whole region.

The EU hopes that steps will be taken promptly to improve the current situation, and urges both parties to make the necessary efforts to avoid a spiral of confrontation with unpredictable consequences. In this sense, the EU wishes to stress that the common enemy of us all is terrorism, wherever and against whomever it is directed.

The Union urges the Governments of New Delhi and Islamabad to take all measures to decrease tension, as a first and necessary step towards the resumption of productive dialogue between the two countries.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the EFTA countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this declaration.